REMARKS

The March 10, 2005 non-Final Office Action has been reviewed and its content carefully noted. Claims 1-12 are pending in this application. Claims 1-5, 7 and 10-12 are currently rejected and claims 6, 8 and 9 are objected to.

In response, Applicant has amended claim 1 to incorporate the limitations of claim 6. Claim 1 now clarifies that the end wall outer surface includes a series of spaced-apart lances and the end wall interior surface includes a series of spaced-apart apertures positioned to provide engagement with the lances. Reconsideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Claim Objection

The Examiner has objected to claims 6, 8 and 9 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but has found that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. The Examiner acknowledges that the prior art alone or in combination does not teach or suggest an EMI shielding vent panel, wherein said end wall providing said outer wall surface includes a series of spaced-apart lances and said end wall providing said interior end wall surface includes a series of spaced-apart apertures positioned to provide engagement with said lances.

In response to the Examiner's objections, Applicant has canceled claim 6 and incorporated the limitations of claim 6 into claim 1 and has amended claims 8 and 9. Claims 8 and 9 now depend from claim 1. Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. §102

A. US 6,710,241 to Casper

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-5, 7 and 10-12 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,710,241 to Casper ("Casper").

In response to the Examiner's rejection, Applicant respectfully points out that the rejection is now moot in view of the amendment of claim 1. Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

Applicant respectfully submits that this application is in condition for allowance. If for any reason the application is not deemed in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned attorney.

Applicant does not believe that any fees are due other than the fee for the three (3) month extension of time. If any additional fee is due, the amount of such fee may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1145.

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